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METHOD, BIOASSAY DEVICE
AND SUBSTRATE FOR
BIOASSAY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a final action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

The documents listed in the attached form were cited in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. Applicants attach a copy of the Office Action for the Examiner's reference. Copies of the listed foreign patent

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documents are also attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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